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Egypt

President Husni Mubarak issued a decree forming the new cabinet under the premiership of Dr 'Ali Lutfi, MENA announced. The decree appointed Field Marshal Muhammad 'Abd al-Halim Abu Ghazalah as deputy prime minister and minister of defense and war production; Dr Ahmad 'Ismat 'Abd al-Majid as deputy prime minister and foreign minister; Dr Kamal Ahmad al-Janzuri as deputy prime minister and minister of planning and international cooperation; and Dr Yusuf Amin Wali as deputy prime minister and minister of agriculture and food security. Members of the new government will be sworn in 7 September, according to the agency.

Israel

Progress was made and "various possibilities" were raised during a visit by the director of the Prime Minister's Office to Egypt, Prime Minister Shim'on Peres told Jerusalem television.

Reacting to the resignation of Egyptian Prime Minister Kamal Hasan 'Ali's government, Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir said he did not think it indicated any change in Egypt's policy toward Israel, Jerusalem radio reported. In another development, the IDF spokesman announced that the maintenance of law and order in the territories is the sole responsibility of the IDF and the security forces, according to Jerusalem radio. Meanwhile, Peres told Jerusalem television that PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat is "destroying the Arabs and the Palestinians, but he will not destroy us." Peres added that he "cannot conceive" that Jordan will agree to allow the PLO to set up terrorist bases on its soil.

Iran-Iraq War

Iraqi planes dropped 4,000 kg of explosives on Khark Island 5 September, further hampering Iranian efforts to extinguish fires and repair oil facilities, according to a military spokesman cited by INA. The spokesman said Iraqi planes downed an Iranian F-14 plane following the raid, although an Iranian military spokesman cited by IRNA denied the claim. Meanwhile, the Iranian spokesman charged that an Iraqi plane was shot down over Persian Gulf waters, but this was refuted by the Iraqi military spokesman in an INA report.

As for land battles, Iraq killed more than 140 enemy troops in the V Army Corps northern sector, according to a military communique cited by Voice of the Masses radio.

The commander of Iran's naval forces told President 'Ali Khamene'i that the Iranian fleet is "fully mobilized" to safeguard the country's water borders, IRNA reported. In another development, Iranian officials said the Kuwaiti cargo ship *Al-Watiyah* will be released as soon as confiscated material is taken to the shore, according to IRNA. The ship, seized by the Iranian Navy 4 September, was carrying cargo destined for Iraq, the agency noted.

Sudan

The Sudanese People's Liberation Army-Sudanese People's Liberation Movement (SPLA-SPLM) will not negotiate with the Transitional Military Council (TMC) or the Council of Ministers in any form, according to a statement carried by the clandestine radio SPLA. The statement followed reports by SUNA and Omdurman radio of an "encouraging" statement by southern rebel leader John Garang said to have been broadcast 3 September, as well as a SUNA report quoting an SPLM official's claim in *AL-AYYAM* that the SPLM is ready to hold direct talks with all political forces in Sudan.

In another development, SUNA announced that the TMC issued a law offering unconditional amnesty to Sudanese citizens who opposed the ousted regime on 1 January 1975, the day southern Sudan was divided into three regions.

Egypt's decision not to extradite deposed President Ja'far Numayri is "purely political," the Sudanese ambassador to Egypt said in remarks reported by Omdurman radio.

Mauritania

Sentences of up to 6 months imprisonment were passed on 15 people accused of unlawfully demonstrating on Nouakchott streets and disturbing public order, Nouakchott radio announced. In a statement broadcast by Nouakchott radio, Interior Minister Djibril Ould Abdallah said 39 out of 45 individuals recently arrested for demonstrating and engaging in "brutal and irresponsible actions" against innocent people were among those recently expelled from Libya. He said such actions can only stem from an "absolute intention" to achieve "unpatriotic goals."

Iran

The Foreign Ministry's director general in charge of economic relations and the Soviet ambassador to Iran discussed expanding trade, IRNA announced.

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BAKHTAR Reports 5 September Politburo Meeting

LD060657 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0415 GMT 6 Sep 85

[Text] Kabul, September 5, BAKHTAR — The periodical session of the Politburo of the PDPA CC, chaired by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of the RC [Revolutionary Council] of the DRA, was held here today.

At the out-set, Babrak Karmal informed the Politburo on the work of the high preparatory commission to pave the ground for the convocation of High Jirga (Assembly) of the border tribes.

Babrak Karmal, moreover, pointed out that the holding of the High Jirga is based on the decisions of the 12th plenum of the PDPA CC, the Revolutionary Council, the historical Grand National Assembly and the repeated requests made by the border tribes and nationalities.

The High Jirga will play a historical role in ensuring the unity and cohesion of Afghanistan, consolidating the solidarity of all tribes, nationalities and ethnic groups, safeguarding the frontiers and defending the achievements of the April Revolution (1978).

The Politburo of the PDPA CC, moreover, assessed the work of the trade unions of the DRA and its Central Council and issued specific directions to improve their training and organizational work between the members of the trade unions and other working people of the country.

In its present periodical session, the Politburo approved the positive steps, taken by the Central Council of the trade unions, to mobilize the masses around the PDPA in order to defend the gains of the revolution and materialize the plans for socioeconomic development of the country.

The Politburo, in a separate resolution, drew the attention of the leadership of the trade unions for the ever further promotion of the role of the trade unions in developing the economy, industry, construction, trade and other social spheres.

The resolution reiterates over the main tasks of the trade unions to solve the social problems, e.g. preparing the sound conditions of work and life, observing the safe work conditions and paying due attention to the health of the workers. The various organizations of the trade unions should not spare any efforts to improve the military and political condition of the country and to expand and strengthen the state power in localities.

By preparing the material foundations, the trade unions should conduct efficient cultural and training activities among the working people. The Politburo session stressed on the leading role of the party over the activities of the trade unions and the widely dissemination of the latter's activities through radio-TV publications.

The Politburo of the PDPA CC, moreover, sanctioned the resolution to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the foundation of the pioneer organization. Hereby the country-wide party committees, the Democratic Youth Organization of Afghanistan and the Central Council of the Pioneers should mark this anniversary as a socio-political event.

Karmal, Keshtmand Congratulate SRV on National Day

LD042311 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 4 Sep 85

[Text] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council; and Soltan Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers, have sent a congratulatory message to Hanoi on the occasion of Vietnam's National Day addressed to Nguyen, general secretary of Vietnam Communist Party Central Committee, and Truong Chinh, chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

In expressing best wishes for further victories of the fraternal and heroic people of Vietnam in the construction of a socialist society in this country, the messages express confidence that relations and fraternal cooperation between the DRA and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam are further extended and developed on the basis of the interests of the people of the two countries and world peace and security.

Message to Le, Truong

LD051003 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0442 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Kabul, September 4, BAKHTAR — Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA and Soltan Ali Keshtmand, member of the Politburo of the PDPA CC and chairman of the Council of Ministers of the DRA, have sent a congratulatory message to Le Duan, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Truong Chinh, the chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Vietnam national day to Hanoi.

Hope is expressed in the message for the further successes of the heroic people of Vietnam for the construction of a new socialist society. It is stressed in the message that the fraternal relations between the DRA and Vietnam will further develop in the interest of peace and security in the both countries as well as in the world.

Barialay, PRAVDA Official Discuss Cooperation

LD052229 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Mahmud Barialay, candidate member of the Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee met this afternoon, at his office, with (Tomas Anatoliyevich), editorial board member and official in charge of International Information for PRAVDA, who has come to Kabul to take part in the fifth anniversary of the daily *HAQIQAT-E ENQELAB-E SAWR*.

In the meeting, which was also attended by Sediq Kawun, *HAQIQAT-E ENQELAB-E SAWR* editor, views were exchanged on topics of interest and further cooperation between both dailies.

Party Officials Meet With Tribal Leaders

LD052225 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Excerpts] Aslam Watanjar, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and minister of communications, this afternoon met representatives of tribes from Paktika Province who had come to Kabul to take part in the high tribal assembly with tribal personalities.

At this meeting, Aslam Watanjar explained in detail the progressive policy of the PDPA and the DRA Government and shed light on the warmongering and aggressive policy of imperialism, headed by the U.S. imperialism, against the DRA.

Aslam Watanjar also explained the gains of the glorious April Revolution, which are for the interests of the country's workers and development of the homeland, being implemented in practice one after another. He asked the representatives of the tribes of Pakitika Province to cooperate in safeguarding the country's borders along side the DRA Armed Forces.

Niaz Muhammad Mohmand, secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, today met the representatives of Nangarhar and Konarha Provinces — including representatives of Mohmand, Khugianay, Shenwari and Pasha'i tribes.

At this meeting Niaz Muhammad Mohmand spoke in detail about the gains of the April Revolution and objectives of the party and government and he explained the role of the country's tribes and nationalities in the defense of the country's borders.

According to another report, Lieutenant General Abdul Qader, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and vice president of the Revolutionary Council Presidium, yesterday met the representatives of Herat tribes and spoke with them about the objectives of the Party and the DRA Government as well as the role of tribal assemblies and Loya Jirgas.

Burhan Ghiasi, member of the PDPA Central Committee and minister of higher and vocational education, met the representatives of Nangharhar tribes. Sulayman La'eq, member of the PDPA Central Committee and minister of nationalities and tribal affairs, met the representatives of Mohamand and Bajawor tribes.

At these meetings, the ministers of higher and vocational education, and nationalities and tribal affairs spoke about the need for convening this tribal assembly and its role in the solution of social problems.

Mujahidin Launch Counteroffensive in Paktia

GF051941 Riyadh Domestic Service in Arabic 1800 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Excerpt] The Afghan mujahidin reported today that they have launched a counteroffensive in the Province of Paktia, in the southeastern part of Afghanistan, to retaliate for the Soviet offensive. A spokesman for the mujahidin reported that the Soviet forces have been repulsed in some areas of Paktia as these very forces have been trying since they began the offensive last month to block the supply roads of the mujahidin. The spokesman added that 5,000 mujahidin were taking part in the counteroffensive last Sunday.

Gandhi Calls for Heightened Airport Security

BK051611 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Excerpt] The prime minister has stressed the need for proper security arrangements at all airports in the country. Areas should be clearly defined, and people not cleared by security should not be allowed to enter these areas. Mr Rajiv Gandhi was inaugurating a new international air terminal complex of the Trivandrum Airport today. It has been built at a cost of over 6 crore rupees.

Talks for Ending Insurgency in Mizoram Held 5 Sep

BK051358 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Formal talks to end the insurgency in Mizoram were held in New Delhi today between the Mizo National Front leader, Mr Laldenga, and the home secretary, Mr R.D. Pradhan. Mr Laldenga was accompanied by two of his colleagues. An official press release says that the talks were held in a very cordial atmosphere. There will be more talks next week.

Das Murder Suspect Commits Suicide

HK051508 Hong Kong AFP in English 1448 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] New Delhi, Sep 5 (AFP) — A Sikh committed suicide today when police tried to arrest him in connection with the murder of a prominent ruling Congress (I) member here, police sources said.

Two men with him were arrested, police sources said, but it was not known if they had been charged with the murder of Arjun Das. Police said an unspecified number of people had also been taken in for questioning.

Three suspected Sikh militants gunned down Mr Das, a close associate of Premier Rajiv Gandhi, and two others in Mr Das' Delhi office yesterday.

More than 3,000 people, including Mr Gandhi, attended the funeral of Mr Das today amid tight security, with security forces on guard at the cremation site and along the route of the funeral procession.

Police launched a massive manhunt after yesterday's killing, and today raided a house in the central district of the capital after a tip-off that three suspicious-looking Sikhs were in hiding there.

Raghuvir Singh swallowed poison and died within five minutes. Police said they arrested the other two, named as Sobha Singh and Sukhdev Singh, both Sikhs.

They were said to be aged about 25 or 26.

Police received the tip-off after the state-controlled radio here announced a reward of 100,000 rupees (8,333 dollars) to anyone providing clues to the murder.

After today's funeral, a cabinet colleague of Mr. Gandhi denied that he and other Congress (I) members had been involved in rioting after the October 31 assassination of Premier Indira Gandhi, allegedly by two Sikh bodyguards, in which some 2,900 people, most of them Sikhs, had died.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Harkishen Lal Bhagat is among about a dozen Congress members whose names reportedly appear on a Sikh militant "hit list" of people allegedly responsible for the rioting and the Sikh deaths.

Lalit Maken, a Congress member of parliament shot dead with his wife by suspected Sikh militants July 31, was also on the list.

Mr. Das, 45, did not figure on the "hit list", but press reports had linked him to the riots.

Mr. Bhagat vowed after the funeral that the threat of Sikh militant attacks would not be able to "deter us from doing our duty."

"None of us is afraid of terrorists," he added. "We'll meet terrorism like many other problems with courage and with the cooperation of the people."

A study of the November riots by civil rights groups, entitled "Who Are the Guilty," said that "certain Congress leaders played a decisive role in organising the riots..."

It named Congress (I) members allegedly involved in the rioting, in which 2,146 people died in Delhi alone, and gave brief summaries of the alleged part some individuals, including Mr. bhagat, had played.

It said that people in the worst-hit east Delhi Trans-Yamuna areas had accused Mr. Bhagat of "having masterminded the riots."

Mr. Bhagat was also later alleged to have intervened to obtain the release of some of those arrested.

Meanwhile, the opposition Janata (People's) Party today demanded the resignation of Interior Minister Shankarrao Chavan for what it said were inadequate security arrangements in the capital.

Janata General Secretary Bapu Kaldate called for his resignation because of the "continuing assassinations, dacoities (banditry) and thefts in the capital, in the background of the latest killing of the politician, Arjun Das."

Mr. Kaldate said in a statement that there were also reports that terrorists, a term widely used to indicate Sikh militants, had drawn up a master plan to create fear and frustrate state elections in the Sikh-dominated Punjab state later this month.

Committee Formed To Present Haryana Position
BK310522 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 31 Aug 85

[Text] The Haryana Government has constituted a committee for preparing and presenting Haryana's case on territorial matters before the national commission set up by the center under the Punjab accord.

The committee, headed by Mr Sultan Singh, includes ministers, legislators and representatives of political parties. They will present Haryana's case on transferring Hindi speaking areas of Punjab to Haryana in lieu of Chandigarh.

Another committee has also been constituted for presenting other territorial claims of the state before the tribunal to be set up by the center.

The committee will be headed by the irrigation and power minister, Mr (S.S. Surjaywala.)

Jammu, Kashmir Terrorists Arrested in Britain
BK051609 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] A PTI report from London says Mr Amanullah Kha, leader of the so-called Jammu and Kashmir Front, and five others connected with the organization have been arrested by the British police under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. Three of them were arrested at Birmingham, two in Lancashire, and one in Luton.

The front was connected with the kidnapping and murder of the Indian diplomat, Mr Ravindra Mhatre, in Birmingham in February last year.

Tibetans Protest Outside PRC Embassy
NC011654 Paris AFP in English 1637 GMT 1 Sep 85

[Text] New Delhi, Sept 1 (AFP) — Some 500 Tibetan exiles staged a demonstration in front of the Chinese Embassy here today to protest against today's celebrations of the 20th anniversary of Tibet's becoming an autonomous region of China.

The placard-waving protesters pasted a letter on the gates of the embassy after scuffling with a tight police cordon around the building.

The letter, copies of which were circulated to the press, condemned the celebrations in Tibet as an attempt to "deceive the world" about China's rule there.

It accused Beijing of atrocities that had caused the deaths of more than 1.2 million Tibetans during the last 36 years.

The demonstration was largely peaceful and dispersed after the Tibetans had burnt the Chinese national flag.

After the demonstration 15 young Tibetans, headed by Tibetan Youth Congress President Sonam Dagpo, began a hunger strike in front of the embassy.

Tibetan Youth Congress spokesman Tsering Dhondup said that Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was also presented with a memorandum urging India, as an immediate neighbour, to "take up the just cause of Tibet."

Earlier the Tibetan government-in-exile in India, headed by the Dalai Lama, Tibet's former god-king, also protested to the Chinese Embassy about the celebrations.

Ziaul Haq, Junejo Issue Defense Day Messages

BK060417 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 6 Sep 85

[Excerpt] Defense of Pakistan Day is being observed throughout the country today. In his message on the occasion, President General Mohammad Ziaul Haq said Defense of Pakistan Day symbolizes the will of the nation to mobilize all its moral and material resources to defend its geographical and ideological frontiers. He said the Armed Forces of Pakistan serve as an instrument of this national will and as a shield for defense of the dear motherland. They remain ever vigilant and alert and prepared to respond to the call of duty and never flinch from offering any sacrifice. They enjoy theunreserved and unstinted support of every citizen of Pakistan in the fulfillment of this sacred task.

The president emphasized that Pakistan considers peace an essential element of its faith in Islam — the religion of peace. The people and Government of Pakistan believe that peace and prosperity are correlated because we want to use all our energies, capabilities, and resources for people's progress and prosperity. He said it is our pledge to defend our dear motherland at all cost. This pledge, however, is not contrary to our objective of peace. We do not harbor aggressive designs against anyone, but we will never allow anyone to encroach upon our sacred soil. The president paid tribute to those martyrs who laid down their lives while defending the country.

In his message, Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo assured that the defense of Pakistan will always remain the single most compelling priority of his government. Our existence lies in effective and practical defense and no one else understands this fact better than the people who are authorized to participate in the government's tasks as elected representatives. The prime minister said that the people's unreserved support will definitely be a guarantee of success for the armed forces in the future because the elected representatives of the people have been given the task of running the affairs of the country.

He pointed out that the first and last objective of Pakistan's defense preparedness is the security of our country so that we can live and prosper free of any threat and blackmail from any foreign power. It is our right to equip our armed forces with whatever weapons and equipment they require to achieve this objective. We make our own decisions in this regard and cannot allow any country to advise us on our military requirements and interfere in our work. The prime minister said he appeals to all officers and soldiers of the army, navy, and air force to take a firm pledge to defend their nation, religion, and motherland according to Islamic traditions.

Indian Statement on Bhutto Arrest Denounced

BK051535 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Commenting on the media reports on the Indian External Affairs Ministry official's statement regarding Miss Benazir Bhutto in New Delhi yesterday, a Foreign Ministry spokesman in Islamabad said that the Indian official statement on the issue, which is an internal affair of Pakistan, is unwarranted, objectionable, and contrary to the principle of noninterference. The spokesman said that a strict adherence to the principle of noninterference is highly essential for the promotion of good-neighborly relations. The Government of Pakistan expects the Indian Government to refrain from violating this principle, as it has in the context of the current incident.

Minister: Trade With Iran To Be Increased

BK051142 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Pakistan and Iran have decided to boost their trade relations and increase the existing trade level from $150 million to $400 million. This was stated by the federal commerce minister, Mr Salim Saifullah Khan, while talking to newsmen at the Islamabad airport today on return from his visit to Iran.

Air Cooperation With USSR To Be Increased

BK060251 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 6 Sep 85

[Text] Pakistan and the Soviet Union have agreed to increase air traffic and cooperation between the airlines of the two countries. The agreement was reached in Karachi yesterday following the 3-day talks between the two countries' civil aviation delegations.

Paper Praises Iranian Democratic Process

GF051430 Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English 23 Aug 85, p 4

[Editorial: "Iranian Example"]

[Text] President 'Ali Khamene'i's re-election is a convincing victory. In a triangular contest he secured more than 90 per cent votes. But his overwhelming success is only a minor aspect of what the government headed by him has accomplished by holding these polls. These were the fourth successive elections in six years in a country which is engaged in a full-scale war for the last five years. It is indeed a spectacular achievement for a country in the Third World, where the rulers are often inclined to suspend the democratic process on the pretext of a distant external threat. The Iranian Government has amply demonstrated that given the will, external aggression can be successfully resisted without dismantling the internal democratic structure.

The amazing phenomenon is its faith in the people, who despite the devastation and economic turmoil created by the war have been given the opportunity to exercise their sovereign right to choose their rulers. In its essence, it is a tribute to the system which has created viable and durable political institutions. It appears that the Iranian society has crossed the crucial stage when individuals are more important than institutions and where the exit of a top personality causes a leadership crisis. The representative character and the stability of the institutional arrangements in Tehran gives its government the confidence and tenacity to adhere to principles against heavy odds and conduct its foreign relations with dignity and self-respect. This may be an

unfamiliar scenario for those who often raise the question; What will happen after the Imam?

Country 'Not Alarmed' by Afghan Border Combat
BK050106 London BBC World Service in English 0015 GMT 5 Sep 85

[From "Radio Newsreel" program]

[Text] The latest assault by Soviet forces against Afghan guerrillas has brought thousands of Soviet troops close to the border with Pakistan. However, the Pakistani Government does not seem concerned. Here is Alex Brodie:

[Begin recording] The Pakistani foreign minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, said Pakistan was not alarmed by the fighting along its border with the Afghan Province of Paktia where Soviet and Afghan Government forces are carrying out an offensive against guerrillas. He said the proximity of such operations to Paksitan's border was not new, and he said should not bother us. Pakistan has lodged many protests with Kabul over border violations, and so far three protests have been made about artillery and air violations since the Paktia offensive began last month. The Pakistani foreign minister said he understood the fighting was to try to clear pockets of resistance. He did not regard it as an attempt to intimidate Pakistan. The guerrillas, he said, had given a good account of themselves. One could call it heroic. Heavy fighting is continuing in Paktia where Soviet-led forces are attacking guerrilla positions and infiltration routes. [end recording]

Karachi: Mujahidin Down Aircraft, Repulse Attack
BK051042 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Reports from Afghanistan speak of heavy fighting between mujahidin and Soviet-Karmal forces in the eastern Province of Paktia. The mujahidin are reported to have shot down seven helicopters and a Soviet aircraft which were carrying military supplies and paratroops who were killed on the spot. At Gul Gandi, the mujahidin repulsed an attack reportedly of 20,000 Soviet-Karmal troops.

BANGLADESH

Concern Expressed to Thailand Over Trawlers

BK051724 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Bangladesh has expressed grave concern to the Thai authorities over the escape [as heard] of seven fishing trawlers along with Bangladeshi crew and the fish catches from its territorial waters. A Foreign Office spokesman in Dhaka today said the Thai ambassador was called to the Foreign Office and has been asked to advise his government to ensure safety, security, and wellbeing of the Bangladeshi crew members and their quick repatriation. He said Bangladesh ambassador to Thailand has been instructed to take up the matter officially with the Thai Government.

Bangladesh Embassy in Bangkok has also sent three officials to Phuket, where the trawlers are reported to have retreated, to investigate into the case. The Thai Foreign Ministry informed Bangladesh ambassador that the concerned Thai authorities have been asked to make a thorough investigation into the matter and to render all possible assistance to the visiting Bangladeshi officials in Phuket.

SRI LANKA

Appointment of New Military Chief Announced

BK060343 Colombo International Service in Hindi 0130 GMT 6 Sep 85

[Excerpt] Brigadier S.P. Ranatunga is the new military chief of Sri Lanka. He had been promoted to the rank of lieutenant general and appointed the chief commander of the joint operations of the armed forces and police.

Government Issues Communique on Trincomalee Fighting

BK060207 Colombo International Service in Hindi 0130 GMT 6 Sep 85

[Text] According to a communique issued by the Sri Lanka National Security Ministry, terrorists attacked a security forces camp at (Srimapura) in Trincomalee region yesterday at 1330. The attack was successfully repulsed. There were no casualties among the security forces. This was the sixth attack by terrorists on the (Srimapura) camp in the last 2 months. In another incident, terrorists attacked an army patrol at (Tinapulakulam) in Vavuniya District yesterday afternoon. The security forces soon reached the spot by helicopter and fired on the terrorists, killing five of them. There were no casualties among the security forces. Many hand grenades and automatic weapons were recovered from the area.

The Kuchchaveli police station in the Eastern Region was attacked by Tamil terrorists yesterday. Security sources told the national news agency LANKAPUWATH that the attack was repulsed. They said that there were no casualties and no damage was caused to the police station.

Delhi Radio Report

BK051251 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] In Sri Lanka, fresh curfew has been imposed in the city of Trincomalee following the killing of eight soldiers by Tamil militants. According to official sources, this Sri Lankan port was tense after an initial 16-hour curfew was lifted this morning.

The residents of Trincomalee said yesterday that at least 15 Tamils were killed and several Tamil shops and homes burned by people suspected to be belonging to the security forces.

Government Forces Launch 'Major Operation'

HK061046 Hong Kong AFP in English 1037 GMT 6 Sep 85

[Text] Colombo, Sept 6 (AFP) — Government forces today launched a major operation against suspected Tamil separatist guerrilla training camps in the eastern district of Batticaloa, security sources said.

The sources said that the army had entered the jungle in the Batticaloa area at dawn to flush guerrillas out of hideouts from which they had been launching attacks on security forces.

The troops headed for a training camp run by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), one of the fiercest separatist guerrilla groups.

Army sources here declined to comment on the operation.

Guerrillas killed seven policemen and five soldiers this week in attacks on a police station and an army vehicle in the area.

The minister of national security, Lalith Athulathmudali, said today that despite its denial, the LTTE was responsible for the attack on the police station, and also for the murder of two moderate Tamil politicians of the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) this week.

Mr. Athulathmudali said he had information that LTTE leaders in Madras, southern India, had given orders over a week ago for their guerrillas here to attack targets in the east.

The minister said that several of the training camps and bases that separatist groups had maintained in southern India had been dismantled and moved to Sri Lanka's north and east.

The minister said that intelligence reports had pinpointed the areas in which the separatists had begun operations.

Increasing Indian pressure has compelled the separatists to return and set up camps in Sri Lanka, he said.

Militant members of Sri Lanka's Tamil minority, complaining of unfair treatment by the Sinhala majority, are fighting a guerrilla campaign to set up a separate Tamil state in the largely Tamil north and east of the island.

Meanwhile, reports here said that Indian Foreign Secretary Romesh Bhandari would arrive shortly for discussions with Sri Lankan leaders on efforts to get peace talks with Tamil groups going again.

A spokesman for the Indian High Commission said he had no information at present about Mr. Bhandari's visit.

Reliable sources said that the Sri Lankan Government was keen to get the stalled peace talks going again.

AFP Reports Israeli, Palestinian Role in Fighting
HK060743 Hong Kong AFP in English 0719 GMT 6 Sep 85

[By Allen Nacheman]

[Excerpts] Colombo, Sept 6 (AFP) — Ethnic violence in Sri Lanka, dating back 2,000 years, has propelled the island nation into a dizzy world of foreign intrigue and space-age weaponry.

The majority Sinhalese government of President Junius Jayewardene has, according to sources, hired the Israeli secret service, the Mosad, to deal with Tamil separatists on the assumption that its experience with Palestinian terrorists would be applicable.

The Tamils, seeking a separate and independent state in the island's north and east, are reliably reported to be receiving training and weapons from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine [PFLP] in Lebanon.

Sri Lanka's army, which was using surplus World-War-Two rifles 15 years ago, today has new M-16 rifles, 20 helicopter gunships, and officers training in the United States, Britain, Pakistan and India.

"This is our first battle experience since the army was formed in 1949 after independence from Britain," said a high-ranking officer.

The situation is complicated by the evolution and diversity of the separatist movement, and the emergence of as many as 35 splinter groups of varying degrees of militancy.

Said the high-ranking officer at the military headquarters here: "We are under political orders to hold back because negotiations are taking place.

"I understand the government's position. But as a soldier, the only direction I can see this going is towards open war.

"We know where the terrorists are hiding. Once we get the green light, we will wipe them out in one month, maybe two. Then it will be over."

Reportage on Attack on Iraqi Oil Installation

Khamene'i Announces Operation

LD060933 Tehran IRNA in English 0929 GMT 6 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 6, IRNA — Iranian jet fighters bombarded one of the Iraqi oil installations at 6:30 local time (0300 GMT) Friday, in retaliation for unfruitful Iraqi attacks on Iran's Khark Island.

This was announced by the Iranian president, 'Ali Khamene'i while delivering Friday mass prayer's sermons, here. He added that 80 percent of the installation was damaged.

Khamene'i further said that against all Iraqi claims on the destruction of Khark Island, the terminal is exporting petroleum normally. He said that even Western sources have admitted the fact.

Retaliation for Khark Attacks

LD061141 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 6 Sep 85

[Text] According to Central News Unit correspondents the Friday prayers this week were held in most centers of the country with the unified presence of our country's Muslim citizens.

According to the same reports, Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Khamene'i, Friday imam of Tehran at Tehran University, in connection with the imposed war stated: We shall not halt dealing blows effective on the Iraqi regime in all fields and levels of this multifaceted war; either in the air, on the ground and at sea or in military and political fields.

Khamene'i called the Iraqi strikes on Khark Island and Iranian oilfields as pointless and stated: Our oil exports have not been affected by the inept Iraqi pilots and we are exporting our oil as before.

He added: Of course, we will not refrain from retaliatory strikes. This morning our high-flying pilots bombarded one of the most important Iraqi oil installations deep inside Iraqi territory and destroyed 80 percent of the installations.

Khamene'i added: This sort of devastating response to the Iraqi regime will not cease as long as our oil exports from Khark are endangered. Anytime our oil exports are jeopardized we will not spare further actions beyond such strikes. As we have declared on many occasions, we will not allow the export of a single drop of oil from any of the ports on the shores of the Persian Gulf.

Further Details

GF060954 Tehran Television Service in Arabic 0930 GMT 6 Sep 85

[Text] Political-worship Friday prayers were held throughout the country today. In Tehran, Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, Tehran Friday imam and chairman of the Supreme Defense Council, led the prayers.

In his Friday sermons, President Khamene'i referred to the claims of the Iraqi regime to have bombed Khark Island. He said: The volume of our oil exports has not diminished so far as a result of the unstudied attacks of the Iraqi pilots. Our oil exports continued at the same rate as before, thanks to divine care. Of course, we have not remained and we will not remain silent on such aggression. Our air and ground defense have responded violently and inflicted crushing blows on the enemy and have also responded in kind: At about 0500 [0130 GMT] today, our valiant pilots have bombed one of the most important Iraqi oil installations deep within Iraq and destroyed 80 percent of it.

Attack Destroys Oil Installation

LD061042 Tehran IRNA in English 1036 GMT 6 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 6, IRNA — Iranian jet fighters penetrated 250 km deep in the Iraqi territory and destroyed 'Ayn Zalah oil installation, 70 km west of Al-Mawsil, in north-western Iraq, Friday, military sources told IRNA. The pilots returned to their bases safe with their operation successfully carried out.

These sources also said that some casualties were inflicted in these bombardments, the extent of which is not immediately known.

Einozzaleh oil installation enjoys strategic importance in Iraq's economy and Friday's operation of Iranian jetfighters shows the vulnerability of the Iraqi regime and at the same time indicates the strength of the Islamic Republic Air Force.

Radar Station Destroyed

LD061127 Tehran IRNA in English 1106 GMT 6 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 6, IRNA — Iranian Air Force fighters bombarded and destroyed a radar station in Irbil Province north of Iraq at 11:00 local time (7:30) GMT) Friday, military sources told IRNA. The sources said that after successfully carrying out the operation, the pilots returned to their bases safe.

The operation was the second, Friday, after Iranian jets pounded 'Ayn Zalal oil installation, 240 km inside Iraq, at 6:30 local time (3:00 GMT).

Iraqi Plane Reported Downed Over Persian Gulf

LD051615 Tehran IRNA in English 1612 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Bushehr, Sept. 5 IRNA — An Iraqi plane was shot down by Iran's defence units over the central sector of the Persian Gulf waters Thursday morning. The enemy plane was hit by an Iranian missile. The fate of the pilot of the downed Iraqi plane is yet unknown.

Iraqi Claim of Downing F-14 Fighter Denied

LD052135 Tehran IRNA in English 2124 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran — IRNA — Sept 5 — A spokesman for War Information Headquarters denied the Iraqi claim of downing an

Iranian F-14 jet fighter Thursday night. He added that a ground to air missile of Islamic combatants downed an Iraqi aggressive jet fighter in the Persian Gulf region on Thursday. The spokesman said since the navigation traffic was considerable on Thursday, the crews of passing vessels have seen the falling of the Iraqi jet.

The Iraqi regime is trying to hide the destruction of its war plane by taking advantage of propaganda techniques, reporting that an Iranian jet has been shot down. Iraqi Air Force has lost 2 jet fighters over the Persian Gulf since August 18 1985.

Reportage on Seizure of Japanese-Manned Kuwait Ship

KYODO Reports Interception

OW051315 Tokyo KYODO in English 1300 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 5 KYODO — Iran said Thursday it had seized a Kuwait-registered containership with 26 Japanese crewmen including the skipper near the Strait of Hormuz. All Japanese crew of the 24,302-ton *Al-Watiyah* are safe, Iranian maritime authorities told the Japanese Embassy.

The officials said the ship was intercepted by the Iranian Navy Wednesday night (Thursday morning, Japan time) and diverted to the Iranian coastline for inspection. The last radio message from the ship reaching Tokyo had said six Iranian Navy men with automatic pistols had boarded the ship, bound for Dubai.

The ship with cargo from the United States earlier was ordered to change course to the east by an Iranian Navy boat while sailing inside Oman's territorial waters, some 55 kilometers southeast of Hormuz, the same report reaching Tokyo had said. The radio telephone contact between the ship and Tokyo has been cut off since the last report.

Another Kuwait-registered ship with Japanese crew was seized on June 20 near Hormuz Strait by Iran on suspicion of carrying military goods. *Al-Watiyah* was the third Kuwait-registered vessel seized by the Iranian Navy in international waters in 14 months.

The ship belongs to United Arab Shipping Company, established jointly by six anti-Iran Arabian countries, according to the Japanese Transport Ministry. The vessel left Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on August 29 and was scheduled to arrive at Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on Thursday via Hormuz Strait.

Iran said it confiscated goods on the vessel bound for Iraq, its enemy in the five-year-old gulf war, while a spokesman for the company that owns the ship said it was carrying normal commercial cargo.

Containers From Ship Confiscated

LD051632 Tehran IRNA in English 1607 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 5, IRNA — The Japanese crew members of the seized Kuwaiti cargo ship are in good health and most of them have already contacted their families in Japan, said maritime officials here Thursday [5 September].

The Navy of the Islamic Republic seized the 24,000 ton *Al-Watiyah* for carrying cargo destined for Iraq as it entered the Strait of Hormuz Wednesday.

The officials said inspection of the cargo was continuing and already several containers, weighing a hundred kgs each have been confiscated.

Iran has warned it would confiscate any military cargo destined to help the Iraqi regime in its aggression against the Islamic Republic.

The officials said the ship would be released as soon as the confiscated material is taken to the shore.

They said all 26 Japanese crew members are in good health.

Seized Ships 'Spying' for Iraq

LD061050 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 6 Sep 85

[Text] The Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps announced: Yesterday, two vessels violated the territorial waters of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Persian Gulf.

They were recognized by the sea patrols of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of the Nur Headquarters and were seized.

Some available information indicates that these vessels were spying and gathering intelligence reports for the Iraqi regime.

Crew To Be Released

OW060637 Tokyo KYODO in English 0612 GMT 6 Sep 85

[Text] Tokyo, Sept. 6 KYODO — The all-Japanese crew of the Kuwaiti-registered container ship *Al-Watiyah* which was seized by Iran wednesday will be released in a few days along with the ship, Iranian Ambassador to Japan 'Abdol Rahim Govahi said Friday.

The ambassador gave the assurance when he met Kunisada Kume, a senior official of the Foreign Ministry's Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau, ministry officials said.

Skipper Yuzo Akutagawa and 25 seamen were aboard the ship, which was detained by a Iranian naval ship for inspection while sailing some 55 kilometers southeast of the Strait of Hormuz.

Ambassador Govahi reportedly said the Japanese crew members were all safe and that their safety will be secured in view of the good relations between Iran and Japan.

Inspection of the cargo aboard the container ship began Thursday night, he added, according to the ministry officials.

Besharati Meets Spanish Envoy on Plane Incident

GF060647 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 6 Sep 85

[Excerpt] The first deputy minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of our country yesterday met the Spanish ambassador in Tehran. He expressed his concern over the rerouting of the aircraft with the Spanish prime minister on board, saying: Immediately after the aircraft entered Iranian air space, two MIG's of the Iraqi aggressors which intended to attack his aircraft were spotted and because of this, the pilot was immediately ordered to return to Turkey.

As noted in the official statement by the Foreign Ministry, this incident again showed that the Iraqi regime, which does not believe in any international law or moral values, intends to disrupt the peace and security of the region through such action in order to lengthen its life a few more days. He added: Mr Mir Hoseyn Musavi, the premier, has also expressed his deep concern over the event. The Iraqi regime — which has used chemical weapons, attacked civilian targets and bombed commercial ships and oil tankers and has not benefited from dozens of other crimes — has added another entry to its black record by committing this inhuman deed.

Mr Besharati stressed: Given the conditions, the rerouting of the Spanish prime minister's aircraft was simply due to security reasons and the Islamic Republic of Iran insists that Spain strongly condemn the regime of Iraq over this issue.

The Spanish Ambassador replied: I am certain of one thing: The rerouting of the aircraft was aimed at ensuring the safety of the Spanish prime minister and his security. I shall reflect my certainty over this fact at home. I approve of your action and have informed the officials of my country of this. Considering past events, such as the downing of the Algerian foreign minister's plane in 1982 and other issues, the position of our country with respect to the condemnation of any attacks against civilian aircraft, civilian targets, and the use of chemical weapons is well known.

He then thanked the prime minister for his message to the Spanish prime minister and asked for expansion of all ties between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Spain.

Velayati Meets Angolan President, Other Officials

GF060658 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 6 Sep 85

[Text] Accoding to a report by the correspondent of the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the foreign minister of our country, Mr 'Ali Akbar Velayati, met and conferred with the Angolan president. The meeting took place within the framework of meetings between foreign ministers and heads of delegations participating in the eight session of nonaligned foreign ministers' conference in Luanda. The Angolan president thanked our foreign minister for his participation in the conference. He then praised the aid that the Islamic Republic of Iran gives to African countries, including Angola.

According to the same report, bilateral relations and the need to expand such ties, especially in order to support the frontline countries in their opposition against the racist regime of Pretoria, was stressed during the meeting. The foreign minister of our country also met the Malaysian foreign minister yesterday and talked with him. During discussions on the relations between the two countries, the Malaysian foreign minister stated that his country recently selected an ambassador to send to Iran, a step that will certainly help to expand ties between the two countries.

[Begin recording of unidentified correspondent's report from Luanda] This morning during the course of the third session of the meeting of the eight conference of nonaligned foreign ministers, Dr 'Ali Akbar Velayati, the foreign minister of our country, will deliver a speech to the delegations from over 100 members and dozens of guest countries, movements, and observers.

Dr Velayati will outline political and economic positions of the Islamic Republic of Iran on important international issues, regional issues, and matters of interest to the Nonaligned Movement. It is expected that in his speech, the foreign minister will attach a good deal of importance to the evaluation of the Nonaligned Movement's previous role in international politics. Dr Velayati will also discuss the issues of the imposed war, Afghanistan, Lebanon and the Middle East, South Africa, economic matters, and poverty and hunger in the Third World countries, and will outline the position of the Islamic Republic of Iran on these subjects.

Yesterday, Dr Velayati had many meetings with foreign ministers of Syria, Libya, Cuba, Malaysia, and North Korea. [End recording]

Turkish State Minister, Delegation Conclude Visit

Departure Statement

LD051259 Tehran IRNA in English 0945 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran, Sept 5, IRNA — The Turkish state minister for economic affairs, Mostaf Tinaz Titiz, currently in Iran at the head of an economic and industrial delegation, left here Thursday.

In a talk before his departure, he said that his trip was aimed at following up a letter of understanding signed between the two countries in the course of the visit of Prime Minister Husayn Musavi to Turkey in late February. He added that the two parties reached a final agreement on some articles of the letter of understanding during his stay in Iran.

Titiz noted that purchases of steel and basic goods as well as solving problems of mutual transportation cooperation were major issues on which the two sides reached agreement. The Turkish minister said that the volume of bilateral trade is expected to reach its highest level during the current Iranian year (started on March 21, 1985).

Meanwhile, Iran's Minister of Heavy Industries Behzad Nabavi said that bottlenecks on the way of implementation of this letter of understanding were removed during the talks.

The Turkish state minister and his entourage arrived here last Sunday.

GDR Delegation Discusses Trade Expansion

LD052057 Tehran IRNA in English 1450 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 5, IRNA — Iranian and East German trade delegates are meeting in Tehran's Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Mines, to further expand commercial, technological and manpower exchanges between the two countries, it was announced Thursday.

The East German trade attache in Tehran said the twenty-member East German delegation is to meet and confer with other Iranian trade and industry experts.

He said "German Democratic Republic plans to boost its non-oil purchases from Iran in the next fiscal year and is to purchase one million tons of oil on barter basis this year".

"East Germany purchased about dlrs 9 million of non-oil Iranian goods in 1985" the trade attache said.

The official noted that the volume of trade between the two countries amounted to dlrs 380 million in 1984.

USSR Envoy, Ministry Official Meet; USSR Trip 9 Sep

GF060712 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 6 Sep 85

[Text] According to a report by our correspondent, Mr Boldyrev, the Soviet ambassador to Iran yesterday met the director general of economic affairs and the deputy director of the headquarters for coordination of foreign economic relations of our Foreign Ministry. The Soviet ambassador expressed his country's readiness to begin preliminary discussions concerning the joint commission for economic cooperation between the two countries and said that Soviet officials are awaiting the arrival of the Iranian delegation.

The Foreign Ministry director general in turn stated that the Iranian side is prepared to discuss various issues of cooperation between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Soviet Socialist Republic in the course of preliminary discussions, and include it in the agenda of the joint commission. He also expressed the hope that reviewing and discussing some current problems will result in effective measures by the Soviet Union to eradicate them. The Islamic Republic of Iran also believes that the expansion of economic ties between the two neighboring countries, based on equal and mutual benefits within the framework of mutual coexistence and understanding, can exist.

The report adds that the delegation from the Islamic Republic of Iran, headed by the director general for economic affairs of the Foreign Ministry, will leave for the Soviet Union on 9 September to deliver Mr Velayati's message and discuss the joint economic commission and current economic issues between the two countries.

Agricultural Cooperation Note Signed With Hungary

LD051859 Tehran IRNA in English 1620 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 5, IRNA — Hungary and Iran signed a note of understanding for agricultural cooperation Thursday paving the way for creation of a joint agricultural commission.

The Hungarian deputy agriculture minister and his Iranian counterpart signed the note after talks on agricultural and husbandry cooperation, in Tehran. The Hungarian official also discussed mutual relations between the two countries with the minister of agriculture, 'Abbas 'Ali Zali.

The Foreign visitors had earlier inspected the Razi and Haydar-Abad research institutes here Thursday.

Montazeri Emphasizes 'Party-Free Politics'

LD051353 Tehran IRNA in English 1330 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 5, IRNA — The distinguished Qom theologian, Ayatollah Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri, Wednesday called on the president to choose a new government free from political skirmishes.

President 'Ali Khamene'i who was reelected to the office August 16 must introduce a new cabinet to the Majlis (parliament) for approval soon. Ayatollah Montazeri said the president must introduce individuals who are devoted to the Islamic Republic and experienced in their field of work.

He said the president must seek party-free politics otherwise there would be uncoordination on the top level of the government.

The ayatollah was speaking to a group of the people who had called on him on the Ghadir celebrations, a nation-wide holiday Wednesday.

Montazeri also said the president should place inspectors throughout the country for keeping himself informed of the real developments in the country.

Chief of Police Cites Crime Statistics

LD051923 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Colonel Samimi, the Islamic Republic of Iran's chief of police, in a press, radio, and television conference this morning elucidated the past year's activities by the Police Department and its various sections throughout the country.

During the conference he gave statistics on police detection and said: During the past year, 193 instances of armed robberies and 13,110 cases of contraband goods and hoarding were detected; these figures are in addition to the detection of pickpockets, handbag snatchers, automobile and motorcycle thefts, and centers of corruption to the tune of some 19 billion rials.

He continued: The police forces' active and timely presence prevented 4,800 instances of theft from occurring. Similarly,

10,000 instances of other crimes were also prevented. Col Samimi said: The CID [Criminal Investigation Department] succeeded in detecting and arresting a number of government workers on charges of embezzlement and graft or forging government documents. And the same department [CID] detected gangs of armed robbers in Tehran, whose members were arrested.

Among the CID's most important acitivites, one could include the detection of the sale of 28 trucks from Hamaraz Company by fraud and theft; the arrest of armed robbers who committed robberies while wearing the uniforms of Islamic Revolution institutions; the detection of gangs forging airline tickets and selling car parts in Iran Khodro Company; and the detection of 50,000 coupons and the arrest of a gang of counterfeiters in the Melli Bank and the sugar organization.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Communique Reports Battle Developments

LD051524 Tehran IRNA in English 1503 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 5 IRNA — Iran's Muslim combatants and Iraqi troops traded artillery fire in which the enemy suffered undetermined number of casualties and damages, said the Joint Staff communique Thursday.

In the northern fronts, artillery fire silenced Iraqi gunners and killed a group of enemy soldiers and destroyed their bunkers, the communique said. The shelling also paralyzed Iraqi transportation in the area, the communique said. The combatants are continuing their surveillance of enemy activity.

In the central front Iraqi patrols were forced to retreat with casualties after their failure to infiltrate Iranian positions in the Sumar and Kani-Sheyk areas. The Muslim combatants also destroyed a number of enemy vehicles and killed and wounded a number of their troops in the area, the communique added.

In the artillery exchanges of the southern front, Iraqi supply routes and positions were reported to have suffered damages paralyzing enemy activity.

The Gendarmerie forces stationed in the vicinity of the Arvand River were also reported to have engaged in the combat.

Iraqi shellings damaged houses in the southern port of Abadan and Khorramshahr.

4 Casualties Reported in Abadan

LD051659 Tehran IRNA in English 1642 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Ahvaz, Khuzestan Prov., Sept. 5, IRNA — A woman was martyred and three others wounded in one of the Arab-dwelling villages of Abadan during the past 24 hours as a result of Iraqi long-range heavy fire upon the city and its vicinity.

Four houses were also damaged during the shelling.

Ankara: 28 POW's Released

TA051637 Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish 1600 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Twenty-eight crippled or wounded Iranian prisoners of war held by Iraq were handed over to Iranian authorities at Ankara Esenboga Airport. According to a statement issued by the Foreign Ministry, the handing over was carried out by the International Red Cross. The prisoners of war were then flown to Tehran by an Iranian airliner.

Comment on Prison Conditions

LD052234 Tehran IRNA in English 1715 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran Sept. 5 IRNA — A group of 28 disabled Iranian POW's,including military personnel and civilians arrived here from Ankara Thursday. The group of the prisoners who spent a long time in Iraqi prisons were released following efforts by the Iranian Government and with the cooperation of the Turkish Red Crescent Society. The Iranian POW's were welcomed by military personnel as well as a group of children of the martyrs of the Islamic revolution and people of Tehran. During the ceremonies, the secretary of the Red Crescent Society of the Islamic Republic, Dr. Vahid Dastjerdi, praised the resistance of the disabled Iranian POW's.

The Iranian POW's all complained about the bad prison conditions in Iraq. The last group of 29 disabled Iranian POW's were released by the Baghdad government 7 August this year.

Nejat-e Iran Reports on Clashes in Marivan

GF051930 (Clandestine) Radio Nejat-e Iran in Persian 1630 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] Latest reports on the bloody clashes between Khomeyni guards and our country's defenseless Kurds indicate that the cities of Marivan, Saqqez and Divan Darreh are being occupied by armed guards. The heroic resistance of the Kurds in Marivan caused the guards to vacate their positions and withdraw.

Another correspondent of the Radio Nejat-e Iran reports that the Kurds' use of heavy arms did not allow the mercenary guards to withstand the attacks. Meanwhile, a number of tanks in Marivan were (?destroyed) and the militant Kurds for several hours took control of a number of government buildings. It is also said that severe fighting is going on in the suburbs of the city of Saqqez.

In conclusion it is reported that over the last 4 days at least 300 members of the fighting forces involved have been killed. It is rumored in Kordestan that the regime will soon issue orders to send reinforcements.

Tehran Reports Operations in West Afghanistan

GF051846 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1730 GMT 5 Sep 85

[Text] During the past 2 weeks, 37 members of the joint Soviet-Karmal invasion forces were killed in fierce clashes with Muslim

Afghan revolutionaries at 17 locations in the Province of Herat, western Afghanistan.

According to reports, 2 members of the Afghan intelligence agency were killed in the clashes and 11 soldiers of the Karmal regime army joined the Muslim Afghan revolutionreis, bringing along their weapons. These reports added that in retaliation for these defeats, the invading Soviet forces shelled with missiles and artillery positions in Ghurian, Herat, martyring a number of innocent Muslim residents and causing great material damage.